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RP growth slowed to 4.6% in 2nd quarter

By Michelle V. Remo

WEIGHED DOWN BY THE SHARP RISE in food and fuel prices that forced households to tighten spending, Philippine economic growth slowed to 4.6 percent in the three months to June.

The economic growth, as measured by the gross domestic product (GDP), the amount of goods produced and services rendered locally in a given period, was

RP GROWTH / A10

Tagaytay 5 freed; rebellion case 'nonexistent'

By Nika Catherine Calleja, Inquirer Southern Luzon

CAMP VICENTE LIM, LAGUNA—FIVE men accused of being communist guerrillas were released yesterday afternoon after the Tagaytay Regional Trial Court (RTC) dismissed the rebellion case filed against them by the police.

Released were Axel Pinpin, Aristedes Sarmiento, Riel Ybañez, Michael Masayes

TAGAYTAY 5 / A10



MANNY PACQUIAO

$100-M fight: Pacquiao vs De La Hoya



OSCAR DE LA HOYA

World's best boxer battles Golden Boy in Las Vegas on Dec. 6

By Marc Anthony Reyes in Manila and Aquiles Zonio, Inquirer Mindanao

THE BIGGEST BOXING MATCH IN YEARS IS FINALLY SET.

Barring last-minute hitches, Oscar De La Hoya, boxing's box office superstar in the past decade, will take on Manny Pacquiao, boxing's hottest commodity today, in what promises to be a $100-million welterweight bout on Dec. 6 at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

This was confirmed to the Inquirer yesterday by Franklin "Jeng" Gacal Jr., Pacquiao's legal counsel, who said in General Santos City that "both parties agreed (to the fight) and were satisfied."

In a statement e-mailed by Gacal to the Inquirer, Pacquiao said he had agreed "in principle" to the December match, promised a fiery fight, and vowed to give the nation another moment of boxing glory.

"I have agreed in principle to accept the Dec. 6 fight against Oscar De La Hoya. This will be the toughest test in my boxing career because of the reach and height advantage of my esteemed opponent, aside from his great boxing skills," Pacquiao said.

"This fight, however, will not be a walk in the park for Oscar De La Hoya. The boxing fans will see the same fire and intensity they have witnessed in my previous fights."

Pacquiao, currently the World Boxing Council's lightweight king, brimmed with confidence.

"I will frustrate the desire of Oscar De La Hoya to avenge the defeats of the great Mexican boxers who lost to me," the Filipino ring idol said. "I am dedicating this forthcoming fight to

$100-MILLION / A11

Win or lose, already Obama makes US history

DENVER, COLORADO—BARACK Obama and the Democrats have made history—no matter who wins the presidential election—by putting a black man at the top of a major party's presidential ticket for the first time in American history.

His nomination on Wednesday at the Democratic National Convention also put Obama, the son of a black Kenyan father and a white American mother, just one victory away from taking charge of a nation where, just decades ago, many black people were unable to vote.

He walked unannounced onto the stage after running mate Joe Biden used a rowdy vice presidential acceptance speech to laud Obama and to tear into Republican rival John McCain, even as he called him a "friend" whose "personal courage and heroism ... still amaze me."

Obama delighted the crowd with his appearance, praising the one-time front-runner for the Democratic nomination Hillary Clinton and her husband, former President Bill Clinton, as well as his wife for their prime-time speeches in support of him this week. (See related story in The World, Page A28.)

"If I'm not mistaken, Hillary Clinton rocked the house last night!" he shouted. Obama's wife, Michelle, who delivered a note-perfect address to open the convention could be seen mouthing the words "I love you" from her VIP seat in the Pepsi Center.

WIN OR LOSE / A11



MOST-AWAITED GATE CRASHER. Appearing a day early at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado, Sen. Barack Obama sends the delegates into rapture after rousing speeches from running mate Sen. Joe Biden and ex-President Bill Clinton. The Democrats led by his fiercest rival, Sen. Hillary Clinton, declared Obama the party's presidential nominee by acclamation.

'SC aware of ruling's big impact in tense South'

By TJ Burgonio

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES ARE aware of how their decision on a deal expanding the Bangsamoro territory would impact on the volatile situation in Mindanao, Chief Justice Reynato Puno said yesterday.

The justices are set to hear today the Office of the Solicitor General's (OSG) arguments for its motion to dismiss a petition seeking to nullify the proposed memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the government and the Moro Is-

SC AWARE / A11

Anwar back in Parliament, closer to being prime minister

KUALA LUMPUR—OPPOSITION LEADer Anwar Ibrahim yesterday took his place as a member of Malaysia's Parliament, a major step in his goal to topple the incumbent government that has been weakened by electoral defeats and internal dissent.

By rejoining Parliament, Anwar has resurrected his dream to become prime minister a decade after he was charged with sodomy and his career written off.

Dressed in a dark-blue traditional Malay shirt, pants and cap, Anwar was sworn in as a member of Parliament in a simple ceremony amid loud thumping of desks by opposition members. He was also formally declared the leader of the combined opposition in Parliament.

"I am glad to be back after a decade. I really feel vindicated. I feel great," said Anwar, who is once again facing a sodomy accusation. Anwar has dismissed the latest charge as a "sickening" government conspiracy to prevent his rise to power.

ANWAR / A22

Gov't troops recapture Bravo camp in Lanao

By Nikko Dizon and Inquirer Mindanao

GOVERNMENT TROOPS HAVE OVERrun a major Moro rebel camp in Lanao del Norte, but failed to capture Abdullah Macapaar, known as Commander Bravo, whose men pillaged two towns last week and left scores of civilians dead, officials said yesterday.

Lt. Gen. Cardozo Luna, vice chief of

GOV'T / A11

GMA cites media role, but hits gossipy headlines

By Michael Lim Ubac

LONG CRITICAL OF THE WAY THE PRESS has been reporting on her administration, President Macapagal-Arroyo has taken a dig at her tormentors in the media.

Speaking on Wednesday at the 100th anniversary celebration of the Philippines Free Press magazine, Ms Arroyo told journalists were "critical to maintaining our strong democracy."

GMA CITES / A11



New Ilaga revives fears of Mindanao in '70s

By Kristine L. Alave, Jocelyn R. Uy and Alcuin Papa

CHURCH LEADERS, HUMAN RIGHTS advocates and defense and police officials yesterday raised the alarm over the resurgence of the Ilaga armed vigilantes, saying this could further fuel animosity and distrust between Muslims and Christians in Mindanao.

"I look back during the time of 1970s when vigilantes were used by troops during martial law," Archbishop Orlando Quevedo of Cotabato City said, noting that the group was involved in the war against the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

Amnesty International, a human rights watchdog, said the country could slip back to the "dark period" of martial law when vigilantes attacked civilians with impunity. It reminded the Philippine government that protecting civilians was a duty of its security forces, not of untrained civilian militias.

"I am quite alarmed by the resurgence of such kind of groups," Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. said in Camp Aguinaldo.

Teodoro said having the Ilaga (Visayan for "rat") launch its own attacks against the MILF while the military was pursuing Ameril Umbra Kato and Abdullah Macapaar, alias Commander Bravo, would not "help solve the situation." The two were identified as leaders of recent MILF attacks on ar-

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SC eyes 'amparo' for squatters

Puno says writ to stop demolition of shanties

ENCOURAGED BY THE EFFICACIOUSNESS of the writ of amparo in curbing extra-judicial killings, Chief Justice Reynaldo Puno is now considering expanding the judicial remedy's coverage to include protecting the urban poor against summary demolition of their shanties.



Mindanao still no-no for Peace Corps

Jpepa faces delay



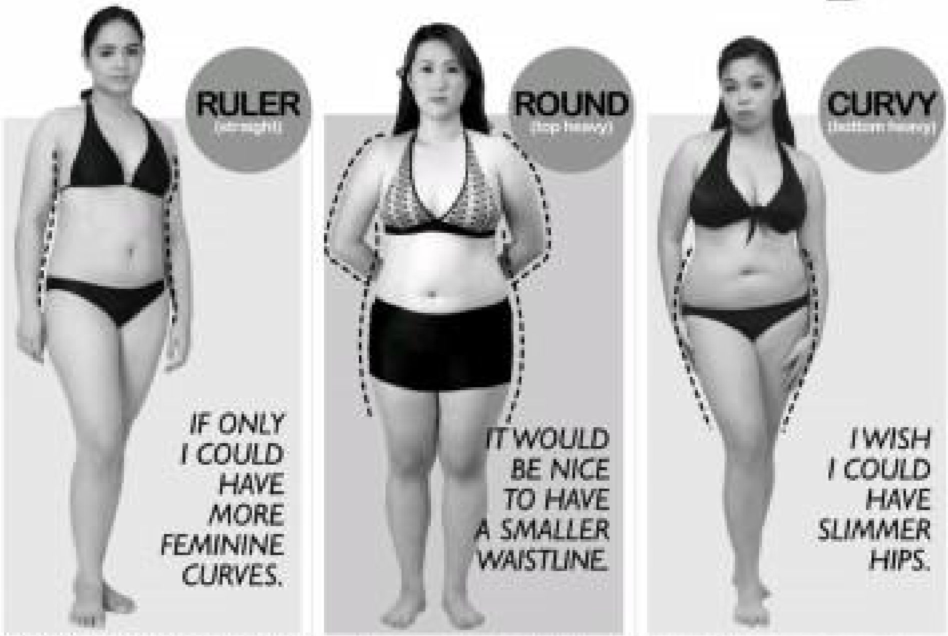
HARDLINE POSITION

DOH: Church stand vs condoms harming anti-AIDS drive

By Kristine L. Alave and Norman Bordadora

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Anyone can get a better body



Did you know that an apple or a pear could be unhealthy? Quite possible – if the fruit refers to the shape of your body. According to Dr. Hadji Palanan of Marie France, "Body types are determined by the fat distribution. Some people may have a predisposition to store fat in the upper area or bottom area, while others store fat all over the body. Hence the variations of apple shapes, pear shapes or straight figures."

Who you are = your body shape? Genetics have a big role in determining where you are more inclined to store fat in your body. (Take a look at your parents. You might get a clue as to what shape you're more inclined to.) Gender also plays a part in fat distribution, because it is also influenced by concentrations of estrogen in the body. For instance, normal pre-menopausal female estrogen levels will cause the body to store fat in the buttocks, thighs and hips.

Categorizing the body types. If you have a large waist and abdomen, a thick neck and wide shoulders, then you are an accurate description of the apple shaped body. This top-heavy body type is linked with health problems such as coronary heart disease, diabetes, stroke, high blood pressure and gall bladder disease. Pear shapes on the other hand, store fat in the hips and bottom area. They are more at risk for severe menopause symptoms and osteoporosis. If your figure seems more rectangular, and fat is equally distributed throughout your body, you are a straight shape body type. Straight shapes lack feminine curves and look boy-y. "Regardless of one's body shape, having excess weight will always have health risks," Dr. Palanan points out.

Dressing for your shape? **Jane, 31,** has an apple shaped body and has always had trouble finding tops that fit. "When I wear tight-fitting shirts, I get conscious of my upper body. I also avoid tailored garments, especially those with defined waist bands. They only make my stomach look even bigger!" For pear shaped **Lucy, 24,** trends are not always a style option. "I've been wanting to wear skinny jeans for the longest time," she says, "but they just highlight my heavy hips! So I just stick to boring loose pants." As for straight figured **Sarah, 27,** "I can't wear dresses that are either too fit or too loose. My body looks almost boyish! If I gain weight or loose weight, it just changes in size, but not in shape."

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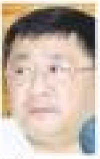
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GMA looks to past in calling for CARP extension



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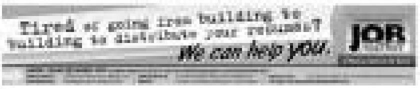
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Five more years



No double jeopardy for ex-solon

By Leila B. Salaverria



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New jobs eyed from new investors' visa

By Margaux C. Ortiz

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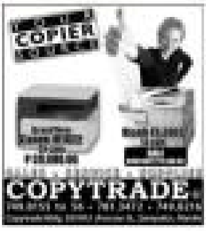
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Noli: Too early to talk of joining Lakas

By Cynthia D. Balana



Pampanga educator is acting CHEd chair

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Battling the Big C at St. Luke's Cancer Institute

"I will give it a good fight."

– Rely Silayan

More than being a successful corporate executive who worked for several topnotch companies, it is Rely Silayan's surname that makes people think twice. To most of us, his surname rings a resounding bell. It is because his father was the late actor, Vic Silayan, and his sister was the 1980 Ms. Universe 3rd runner-up and a movie actress as well, the late Maria Rosario "Chat" Silayan-Bailon. Six months after his sister's death in 2006, Rely was diagnosed with Stage 3 Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Rely narrates that during Chat's wake, he felt a mass in his groin area. Because he and his family were grieving at that time, it did not bother him, until he became aware of another one which was as big as a golf ball. "Still, it was painless, but every time I walked, it was quite disturbing. It made me limp," he said.

That was when he decided to see a trusted family friend who happened to be Dr. Jovee Cuanang, St. Luke's Medical Center's Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, whom he fondly called "Tito Jovee." After checking the abnormality, Dr. Cuanang immediately ordered tests for Rely. After only three days, the mass was found to be malignant.

Rely was immediately referred by Dr. Cuanang to a cancer expert in the person of Dr. Charity Viado-Gorospe, Director for St. Luke's Cancer Institute. "Dr. Gorospe is an amazing doctor. Initially, I only knew that cancer was the dreaded disease that took away my sister and my older brother, Tito (Chat succumbed to colon cancer in 2006, and Tito to lung cancer in February 2008). Dr. Gorospe has been taking care of me. She educated me about cancer, explained all the treatment protocols, indications and even the side effects of each medication that I had to take," he said.

At present, Dr. Gorospe also manages Rely's sister, Mavic Silayan-Simon, a breast cancer survivor and wife of former Quezon City Mayor Jun Simon.



Rely Silayan with Dr. Joven Cuanang



Dr. Charity Viado-Gorospe

Side effects

As in the case of other cancer patients, it was the hair loss due to chemotherapy that Rely was quite affected with. "I lost all the hair in my body including my eyebrows," he shared.

The father of three, however, refused to be defeated by the Big C. To alleviate the stress, Rely had his left ear pierced during one Sunday mall trip with his family. "I thought about the chemo and its side effects. I did not want to be overcome by depression. It would not help me," Rely insisted. There was a time, during his treatment, that Rely sported a bald look which he jokingly termed as the "chemo look." His friends, who only learned several months after he was diagnosed with his illness, could not believe that he was battling cancer because of his positive and jolly behavior.

Losing his appetite was another side effect of chemotherapy. Foods like ice cream tasted bad and awful, but Rely took this in stride. After each chemo session, he would still manage to take the wheel and drive home with either his wife or his kids who religiously accompanied him in every appointment. "Why would I allow this disease to defeat me? I've often told myself that I would not be defeated easily. I would give it a good fight," he said, confidently.

"My experience with Chat, being her caregiver, accompanying her to her chemotherapy sessions and attending to her during her confinement prepared me for my condition," he said. "I always remember Chat's strong faith in God and how she was the one who was comforting us," he continued.

Corridor of Hope

Having a kind and compassionate heart, Rely has been helping other cancer patients cope with their ailment. In 2007, he was elected as president of the Corridor of Hope, a support group for cancer patients – including their families and caregivers – at St. Luke's Medical Center. Established several years ago, the Corridor of Hope is under the direct supervision of Dr. Gorospe who has also been a great source of inspiration for the patients.

Not yet in full remission and with a few more chemotherapy cycles to go, Rely mused, "I am God's work in progress. He is not done with me yet." And when asked where he gets his zeal to keep going, Rely poignantly shares, "When you look at the pictures of the Silayan family, they were all happy and joyous. I get my drive from that. My family keeps me going!"

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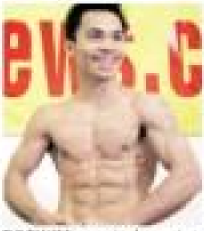
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BOXING BIG SHOTS Manny Pacquiao and Marco Antonio Barrera pose with promoters Bob Arum and Oscar De La Hoya, president of Golden Boy Promotions, after a press conference in Beverly Hills, California, on Aug. 15, 2007.



$100-million fight: Pacquiao vs De La Hoya

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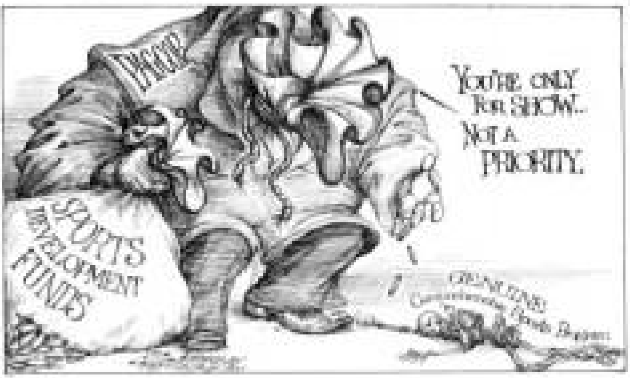
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Panlilio group cries fraud, coercion

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Miriam's aunt found stabbed dead in Iloilo City residence

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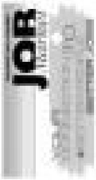


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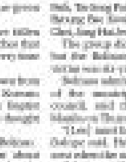
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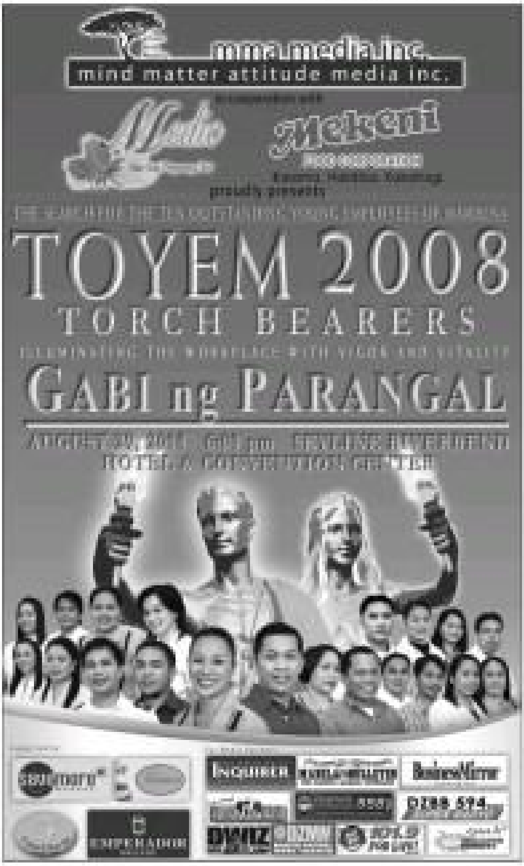




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New Ilaga revives fears of Mindanao in 1970s

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real estates in Lanao del Norte, North Cotabato and Sarangani.

They called for a ceasefire between government troops and Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels in observance of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan and to defuse the fighting that was threatening to spread among civilians.

10 Moros for every civilian

On Wednesday, the Reform Ilaga Movement, which took off from the Christian group known for its atrocities and human rights abuses in Mindanao nearly 30 years ago, warned in a clandestine press conference held in North Cotabato that it would kill 10 Moro rebels for every civilian life lost in the ongoing clashes between the MILF and government forces.

MILF leaders earlier accused the military of "recruiting" the Ilaga and warned of more hostilities should the outlawed groups [illegible] allow its existence. "The government controls, therefore it can control it," they said.

Police auxiliary units

The Philippine National Police warned the armed civilians against resorting to vigilantism. "They cannot take the law into their own hands," PNP Director General Avelino Razon said in a phone interview.

"It would be better if the Ilaga constitute themselves as members of the police auxiliary units under control of the PNP. That is what we are pushing now," Razon said.

But Jaro Archbishop Angel Lagdameo Jr., president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), said this could escalate the fighting in Mindanao that has already killed dozens of civilians, soldiers and MILF members and displaced tens of thousands of people.

"I think it is not very good for something like that to happen, where there is a possibility of a civilian war," Quevedo said. He said this kind of war was more "serious" than what was happening in the region because it would be hard to find those responsible for atrocities.

Prayers for conflict victims

Lagdameo said he had ordered prayers for the victims and a "peaceful" resolution to the conflict. "We offer these prayers as one nation and in solidarity with the Mindanao bishops, as well as with the thousands of innocent people who are forced to evacuate and live in uncertainty and fear," he said.

"The Philippine government should take responsibility in protecting all civilians in Mindanao, whether they are Christians, Muslims, lumad or coming from any ethnicity or religion," Aurora Parong, director of Amnesty International's Philippine section, said in a statement.

"Protecting civilians does not mean arming them ... we do not want to return to a period in our country when vigilante groups attacked civilians with impunity," she said.

Amnesty International urged all parties to go back to the negotiating table and guarantee that innocent lives are preserved.

It also objected to the PNP's move to provide shotguns to "selected, screened and trained" police auxiliaries, dependent village watchmen and civilian volunteer organizations.

Former local officials

North Cotabato Rep. Bernardo Piñol said in a phone interview that former local officials were supporting the Ilaga "and they are capable of arming (the group)." He said he could not divulge their names as he had no clearance from them to do so.

"Civilians are arming only to defend themselves. The Ilagas already involve going on the offensive," Piñol said.

But North Cotabato Vice Gov. Emmanuel Piñol said the resurgence of the vigilante group would only complicate the situation. "I urge you to restrain from reviving the group because it would just worsen the already volatile situation," he said during his radio program over Notre Dame Broadcasting Corp. in Cotabato City on Wednesday.

He said the provincial board would investigate attempts to revive the group, which became notorious for dismembering its victims.

[illegible] Mayor Lawrence Cruz said he had blocked an attempt to resurrect the vigilante group in his city. "I don't want these things to escalate anymore. Let us leave the concern of Kato and Bravo to the police and the Army, we aren't [illegible] for the all-out war as well," he told the Inquirer by phone.

League of Provinces

Misamis Occidental Gov. Loreto Ocampos, president of the League of Provinces of the Philippines, asked governors to discourage the formation of vigilantes in their areas.

"Please advise the Ilaga in your areas to let the Armed Forces and the police do their job," Ocampos said.

But Lanao del Norte Rep. Vicente Belmonte said the Ilaga "is OK with me if (the people) feel the government cannot protect them anymore."

"I'm not endorsing them (Ilaga members) but this would not have happened if they felt protected by the government," he added, referring to his allegation that the military failed to defend the people of Kauswagan and Kolambugan towns in his province from MILF rebels. *With reports from Nikko Dizon in Manila, and Edwin Fernandez, Jeoffrey Maitem, Charlie Señase and Grace Albasin, Inquirer Mindanao*

Party-list solons dare gov't to disband Ilaga militia

LAWMAKERS YESTERDAY dared the government to disband the Reform Ilaga Movement, warning of dire consequences if the group was allowed to push through with its mission to avenge Moro atrocities.

Anak Mindanao Rep. Mujiv Hataman said that if the new group was the same as the one that existed in the 1970s, there would not be only more atrocities committed against civilians. The attacks, he said, would be much worse.

"This group should be disbanded," Hataman said. "They should be pursued and caught. What they are capable of doing is quite frightening."

He said the government might be suspected of having a hand in the formation of the new Ilaga if it failed to rein them in outright.

Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo, a former chair of the House committee on human rights, said he expected a sharp increase in human rights violations in Mindanao with the resurgence of the Ilaga. "It is uncalled for to revive the Ilaga given its terrible human rights record," he said.

Are they tolerated by PNP

Ocampo asked how come the group was able to stage a press conference with 100 armed men present in one area. "Are they being tolerated by the PNP?"

"Under the law, the mandate of the Armed Forces and the Philippine National Police is to go after firearms in the hands of those not authorized by law to handle firearms," Ocampo said.

Anakpawis Rep. Rafael Mariano blamed the government for the Ilaga's revival.

"We demand Ms. Arroyo to immediately disarm and dismantle that armed group. In the first place, it is her security officials who are totally obsessed in vigilantism and instigated this through their call to arm civilians," Mariano said.

He was referring to the PNP's plans to distribute 1,000 shotguns to civilians who would join police auxiliary forces.

Carrying firearms to defend oneself from "lawless" Moro rebels is illegal, Malacañang said yesterday.

Press Secretary Jesus Dureza said civilians "who are not authorized to carry firearms and are taking up arms even with threat of killing people in retaliation for certain incidents, is pure and simple illegal." *With a report from Michael Lim Ubac*



THE ILAGA UP FRONT has renewed fears of the resurgence of the violence in Mindanao in the 1970s exemplified by the notorious exploits of the Manero brothers.

'SC aware of ruling's big impact in tense South'

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Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

"The implications are very obvious whatever may the court decides," Puno told reporters after speaking at a forum at the University of the Philippines College of Law.

He added: "If a court sustains the MOA, or declares the MOA unconstitutional, you can't imagine the high impact of any kind of decision on the situation in Mindanao."

Local officials in Mindanao had petitioned the high court to nullify the MOA on the Moro ancestral domain.

First resolve motion to dismiss

The aborted signing of the MOA, seen as a preliminary deal to a comprehensive peace agreement, has prompted MILF rebels to attack civilians, triggering fresh fighting in Mindanao.

The Chief Justice said the high tribunal would first resolve the OSG's motion to dismiss, and then decide how to proceed in the case.

"The motion to dismiss can be resolved in a shorter time. What may take a longer time is if the court decides to resolve the issues on the merits," he told reporters.

But in case the motion is not dismissed, he said: "We will give the highest attention to this case, more than any other case."

Puno said the justices would be keeping in mind the implication of their decision on the tense situation on the ground when they come to the point of issuing an opinion.

"Yes, certainly," he said when asked if the implications of the high court's decision would be at the back of the minds of the justices when they assess the merits of the case.

Puno spoke at the forum on the economic, social and cultural rights, and remedies to violations of these rights organized by the National Union of People's Lawyers and the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan.

Malacañang has argued that the petition should be junked because the government had already decided to renegotiate the MOA.

But the petitioners, local officials and Liberal Party backed this, manifesting that the high court proceed to resolve the constitutionality of the agreement, and decide the case on the merits.

Gov't troops recapture Bravo camp in Lanao del Norte

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staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, told reporters in Camp Aguinaldo by phone that the Bilal complex in Munai town fell at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday after days of fierce fighting.

"It was a big operation," Lana said, but by the time the soldiers got in the complex of camps and foxholes, the known base of Macapaar had been abandoned and there was no trace of the self-styled commander of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

Although the troops failed to get Macapaar, Lana said the capture of the Bilal complex was "a very significant development." He said the camp was "very symbolic for Bravo."

Camp won, returned

The military had previously overrun the Bilal complex during the all-out war ordered by then President Estrada against the MILF in 2000, but the camp was returned to the rebels when peace negotiations resumed.

Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, secretary general of the 57-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), yesterday condemned what he called "illegitimate acts conducted by renegade elements" of the MILF.

He said in a statement issued from the OIC headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, that it was "unfortunate to let undisciplined elements from the MILF to determine the course of negotiations or halt the peace process."

Ihsanoglu also expressed concern over reports that the Philippine government intended to freeze the MOA, which he said "came about as a result of strenuous, long and sincere efforts by both sides."

The secretary general urged the parties to the conflict "to rapidly return to the negotiating table and continue working together."

Since the current offensive began, the military said that troops had dislodged rebels from 15 villages and encampments in Lanao del Norte and Maguindanao.

Maj. Gen. Nehemias Pajarito, commander of the 1st Infantry Division, said 26 MILF fighters were killed at the Bilal complex.

The military offensive against another MILF commander, Ameril Umbra Kato, in Maguindanao resumed yesterday after a three-day lull, said Col. Marlon Salazar, commander of the 601st Infantry Brigade.

Salazar said air strikes pounded suspected MILF positions in the Liguasan Marsh, where Kato was believed to have sought refuge. He said earlier that Kato had been reported wounded in the assault that began last week, but the MILF denied the claim.

Kato went on a rampage in North Cotabato after the Supreme Court stopped the signing of the memorandum of agreement (MOA) on ancestral domain on Aug. 5 in Malaysia. Local officials in Mindanao protested the deal which the government said was aimed at ending four decades of civil strife that has claimed 120,000 lives.

70 civilians killed

Macapaar followed after Kato, striking the towns of Kauswagan and Kolambugan in Lanao del Norte and slaughtering civilians after using them as human shields to cover their retreat.

The MILF leadership said the attacks by Kato and Macapaar were not sanctioned, but demands by the government that the two commanders be surrendered went unheeded. The MILF said that these demands should be covered [illegible] concerning a 2003 ceasefire.

The government has offered a reward of P10 million for the capture of Kato and Macapaar, and sent troops to assault their known sanctuaries. Kato and Macapaar lead from 500-1,000 fighters of the 12,000-strong MILF force, the military said.

Reports from the National Disaster Coordinating Council and other government agencies said around 70 civilians had been killed and some 300,000 people displaced since violence erupted three weeks ago.

The military reported 17 [illegible] on its side, lost and its troops killed around 150 rebels. The military said the rebel casualties were based on intercepted radio conversations and could not be independently confirmed. The MILF has officially acknowledged seven dead.

Community as shields

In Camp Aguinaldo, Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. said that troops were constrained from using heavy firepower against the two recalcitrant commanders for fear of inflicting casualties on innocent civilians.

"We know these commanders," Teodoro said. "They have no compunction about using communities as human shields. That adds to the difficulty because you can't just shoot everybody inside or bomb everybody inside. You really have to take extra care that civilians (are spared)."

Terrorist tag

He also said that if evidence showed the MILF leadership colluded with Kato and Macapaar, the government would declare the MILF a terrorist organization, a move that could stop the flow of external funding for the rebels who have been photographed wearing new uniforms and lugging heavy weapons.

Teodoro earlier said that a study was being conducted to see if Kato or Macapaar could be charged under the antiterrorism law.

Gen. Alexander Yano, AFP chief of staff, said in a statement his troops would "carry on the fight."

"We have to show the MILF hierarchy that we are serious in punishing their members, who refused to give peace a chance," Yano said. *With reports from Rachel V. Umel, Edwin O. Fernandez and Jeoffrey Maitem, Inquirer Mindanao; AFP*





AH KEPP! brigade commander, Brig. Gen. Antonio Mark Supnet (left), holds on to a [illegible] while [illegible] armored tank recovered inside Camp Bilal after four battalions overran the training camp of Commander Bravo. (Right) Bravo's house served as the alleged MILF headquarters.

Malaysia to keep its peace monitors in South



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More oil price rollbacks seen

By Abigail L. Ho

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By Anna Leah Sarabia
Contributor

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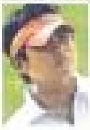
Asean inks free-trade pacts with neighbors

SINGAPORE—The ASEAN REGIONAL BLOC CONCLUDED free-trade pacts with India and Pacific neighbors Australia and New Zealand on Thursday, setting the stage for broader Asian economic integration, officials said.





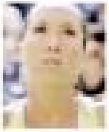
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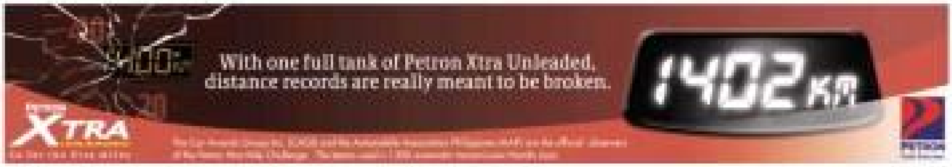
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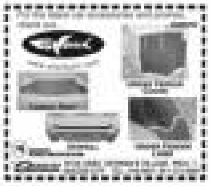
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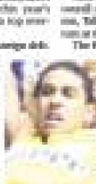


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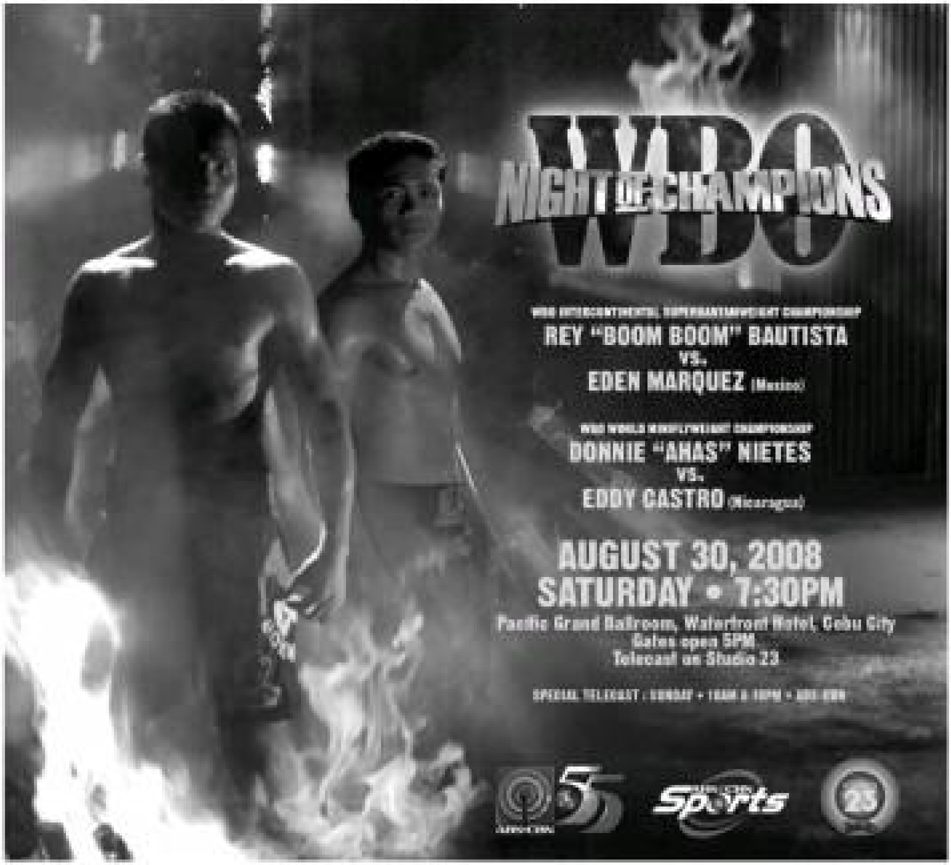
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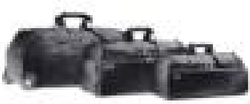
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August inflation seen to hover at record level

Neda: Local oil prices still high compared with global rates

By Michelle V. Remo and Doris C. Dumlao

INFLATION IS EXPECTED TO ACCELERATE to 12.7 percent in August partly due to persistent problems on food supply, according to the National Economic and Development Authority.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas arrived at a similar conclusion, projecting that the country's inflation this month would range between 11.6 percent and 12.4 percent.

In July, year-on-year inflation already registered a 17-year high of 12.2 percent. The rate of increase in the prices of food alone was recorded at 18.8 percent.

Neda Director General Ralph Recto yesterday said in a press conference that inflation in August would likely hover anywhere between 12.1 and 12.7 percent. Once sustaining a double-digit level first seen in June.

But Recto, who also serves as the country's socioeconomic planning secretary, said inflation would begin tapering off in the succeeding months, although it could still linger in the double-digit territory.

"Inflation ... will only slow down to a single-digit level next year," Recto said.

While domestic oil prices have eased a bit, these are still high compared with prices seen in the world market, Recto added.

He then called on oil companies to implement price rollbacks corresponding to the drop in world oil prices. Current fuel prices should be trimmed further by P1 to P3 to reflect prices in the global market, Recto said.

Inflation averaged 8.5 percent in the first seven months of the year, breaching the government's official target of between 3 and 5 percent.

The main factors that could influence actual inflation for the month "are the impact of the onset of the typhoon season and rising costs of raw materials for production of certain items, which could be balanced off by lower international rice and oil prices," BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said reporters in a mobile text message.

Earlier, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas projected that inflation would average at 9 to 11 percent for the year, and ease to a single-digit level by the second quarter of 2009.

High inflation was blamed for the slowdown in the economy this year. The country's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by only 4.6 percent in the second quarter, much slower than the 8.3 percent in the same period a year ago.

GDP is the most common measure of an economy. It is the sum of the values of goods produced and services rendered within an economy for a given period.

Sharp increases in prices forced households to cut down spending on nonessentials, thereby dragging down corporate profits and the economy in general.

The Neda said personal consumption, which used to be a main driver of the economy's growth, slowed down to a growth of 3.4 percent in the second quarter from 5.6 percent in the same period last year.

PAL now finds it difficult to attain profit target

By Riza T. Olchondra

PHILIPPINE AIRLINES (PAL) is implementing a more comprehensive cost-efficiency and risk management program as fuel-related expenses outpace revenue prospects.

The flag carrier is studying everything—from aircraft weight to the per-minute cost of flight delays—in order to shave off $30 million to $50 million from operating expenses, PAL CFO Andrew Hwang told reporters yesterday.

Hwang cited examples, like PAL's coordination with air traffic authorities "to make our flight paths more efficient."

"We recently reviewed our baggage allowance for passengers," he added. "We reviewed how much water (and) food we should carry per flight. We even reduced the baggage allowance for our crew."

Also, he said every amount of delay "adds up costs."

Hwang said that the main costs from such things as extra fuel and personnel salaries, especially when airline employees need to render overtime.

"The situation for the industry, not just us, is such that costs due to fuel are growing faster than revenues," he said. "It is very difficult."

Asked if PAL can replicate next fiscal year its profit growth of $92.6 million, Hwang said it would be "very difficult" to do so.

Earlier, PAL said in a statement that "dark clouds" would cast a pall over the airline industry in the next 12 months.

Fight in court, not in media, Banco de Oro tells Steel Corp.

By Daxim L. Lucas

ALLEGATIONS OF DISGRUNTLED Steel Corp. of the Philippines concerning supposed irregularities at the Court of Appeals in its dispute with Banco de Oro Universal Bank is "malicious in nature" and "motivated by self-interest" on the part of the accuser.

This was the contention of the law firm representing BDO regarding the steel manufacturer's dispute over its P7.2-billion debt with several banks, including the Henry Sy-owned financial institution.

"It is an assault on Justice [Jose] Reyes [Jr.] and the entire Court of Appeals," said the law firm of Belo, Gozon, Elma, Parel, Asuncion and Lucila in a letter sent to the Inquirer.

Recently, Steel Corp. complained to Court of Appeals Presiding Justice Conrado Vasquez about the action of Justice Reyes, who terminated the company's rehabilitation plan that was approved by a lower court, saying that the appellate court judge had no authority to stop the rehabilitation plan.

BDO's lawyers said that the bank acknowledges the right of the steel firm to contest the Court of Appeals' termination of the rehabilitation plan, but denied that its own plan had also been affected by the court's order.

"[BDO] does not believe that every court decision which is unfavorable to a party should be disputed and much less argued before the media," its lawyers said.

The lawyers said that other cases regarding the issue are still pending with other divisions of the appellate court.

BDO has also claimed that Steel Corp. "has not been paying its legitimate debts to its creditors."



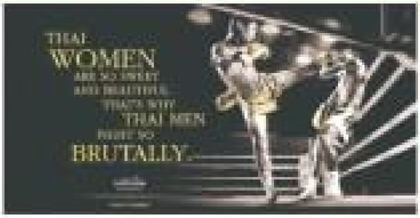
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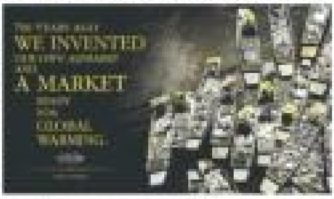
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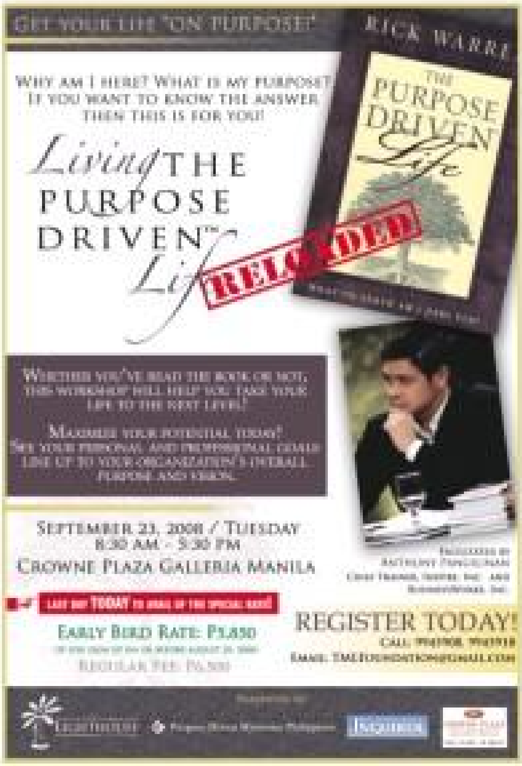
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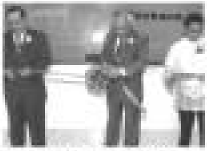
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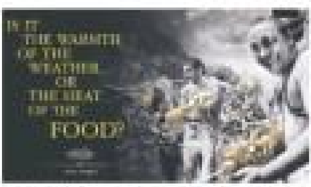
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GOULBOURN (left) and Cheng wear Silk Cocoon's silk dresses embroidered with the latter's drawings, [illegible] for an art book, "Chasing Clouds: A Decade of [illegible]."

Wearable art

New York artist Emily Cheng's drawings are on mobile exhibit—on Jeannie Goulbourn's Silk Cocoon barongs, shawls and dresses

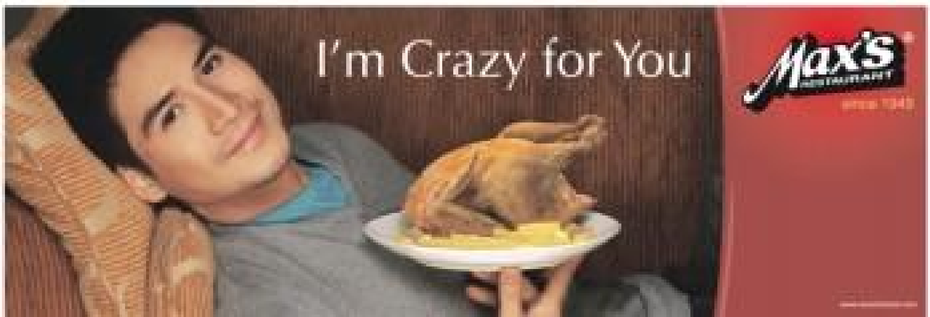
WHEN JEANNIE GOULBOURN SETS her heart on something, it's hard not to get infected by her passion and enthusiasm. New York artist Emily Cheng knows that only too well.

The two women have teamed up to produce a limited collection of shawls, barong tagalog and women's apparel featuring Cheng's art for Goulbourn's Silk Cocoon line, to be launched Sept. 2 at the [illegible] Renaissance Hotel outpost in Makati City.

Goulbourn and Cheng met only four years ago through the painter's [illegible], SGV Group founder

WEARABLE C3







SHAWL with pink lotus motif

Wearable art



PINA silk scale inspired by priestly garments





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Inspirations

Beneficial

Three shows

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Dressing the part

Outdoors people



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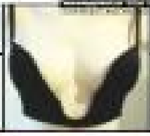
MARKS & Spencer convertible bra



DEBENHAMS' Multiway Bra

Take the plunge

If you're wearing something that's low in front, but aren't brave enough to go braless, go for La Senza Dreamshapers U Plunge Bra. It provides not just support but that much-needed extra push.



LA SENZA Dreamshapers U Plunge Bra

Cheat tricks (part 2)

By Apples Aberin-Sadhwani

PART OF DRESSING APPROpriately is knowing what kind of undergarment or style aid (double sided tape, for one) to use with certain articles of clothing. You may be dressed in the latest fashions from the chicest brands but if your bra straps are showing, your panty lines are visible, or your hemlines are hanging, your style quotient simply plummets.

Because you requested for more cheat tricks to help you dress seamlessly, we scoured the malls for some of the best undergarments and nifty little style aids. Now there's no excuse for ugly underwear sightings or a less than well-groomed appearance again.

Take your pick from our picks.

E-mail the author at asadhwani@inquirer.com.ph





LA SENZA seamless undies



DEBENHAMS' The Invisible Knicker

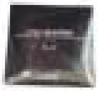


Say goodbye to VPLs (visible panty lines)

When choosing panties or knickers, go for ultra-thin seamless varieties that won't show under skin-tight pants, dresses or skirts. A thong is your best bet, but if you're not comfortable wearing one, other cuts—as long as they are seamless—can serve the same purpose.



LA SENZA Dreamshapers Seamless Feather-Lite Bra



LA SENZA Dreamshapers Silicone Breast Covers

Stick it on

You don't have to go bra-less when wearing backless tops or dresses. There are a number of stick-on bras in the market that can provide both support and just a bit of padding. You can also opt to wear nipple tape or silicone breast tapes, instead of the usual bras.



MARKS & Spencer Stick-On Bra



MAIDENFORM No Show Petals, available at Debenhams



All it takes is tape

Here's the answer to revealing necklines, flapping skirts or hanging hemlines and such: double-sided tape! Sure, they sell it in the office supply stores, but pretty please, opt for those varieties that don't leave marks on clothing and can adhere to skin, as well as all types of fabric.



MAIDENFORM Stay Put Fashion Tape, available at Debenhams; La Senza Dreamshapers Body Tape





Hip and sophisticated jeans

Fashion vs global warming





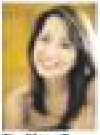




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GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTER

Now thru Sept. 8, 2008

Automatic Centre's latest exhibit is good news to shoppers constantly on the hunt for products and brands that carry the latest technology. The exhibit features a range of appliances for the living room and the kitchen, including various brands of flat panel displays, video players and sound systems, washing machines, refrigerators and a lot more features-packed devices like digital cameras, music players, and gaming gadgets.

Automatic Centre's appliance exhibit at Greenhills Shopping Centre gathered the famous brands under one roof and offers it prices on selected brands and special freebies.

It is a must-see for shoppers plying the Greenhills area, an area popular for bargain hunts. Automatic Centre's "Rainy Day Appliance Showcase" started August 15 and will end on September 8.

Another cool treat for this exciting appliance exhibit is the zero interest rates that can be availed for selected items through credit card purchase. All major credit cards are accepted and appliance buyers can avail zero interest rates through installment plans of their choice: 3, 6, 9, 12, and 24 months. Special and exciting freebies are also offered by the suppliers.

In addition to this, Automatic Centre, as part of the celebration of its 60 years of establishment, offers a special promotion titled "Buy 2 Own Appliances," a special promotion that gives appliance buyers special freebies. While those who use their AIG credit card for every purchase of washers and dryers will get more Petro Bonuses.

Automatic Centre, established in 1948, is a leader in home appliance exhibits and a pioneer in bringing products with the newest technology to the country.





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Automatic Centre pioneered the 'concept stores'

AT 60 YEARS OLD, AUTOMATIC Centre is still as vibrant as ever, continuing to introduce innovations and ideas in the realm of how the Filipinos should enjoy their living spaces furnished with modern gadgets and gizmos and breathtaking fixtures and furniture—not only at home but at work as well.

Automatic Centre, with a fitting moniker as "appliance authority," has been providing Filipino families with a wide variety of appliances and gadgets that make living more convenient, giving more time for family members to interact and bond together by watching together a [illegible].

For serving the Filipino family for three generations, Automatic Centre has contributed significant [illegible] to three generations of households. From the experience of a first stereo cassette player, black and white portable TV, first generation color TV set, [illegible], washing machines, plasma and LCD TV.

[illegible], Automatic Centre has been hard at work in reinventing itself again. Did you know that Automatic Centre pioneered in bringing to this country the "concept store" layout to give customers an interactive shopping experience?

To further keep up with the changing times, Automatic Centre opened more new concept stores: Automatic Centre G4 in Glorietta Makati, Automatic Centre EDGE in Trinoma, Quezon City, Automatic Centre in Alabang Town Center and Automatic Centre Ayala in Cebu City. Just check out these concept stores and you'll have the chance to see the hottest trends in tech gear and ultra modern store designs that makes you [illegible] over the gadgets for real.



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MIX AND MATCH [illegible]

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Fashion accessories sale

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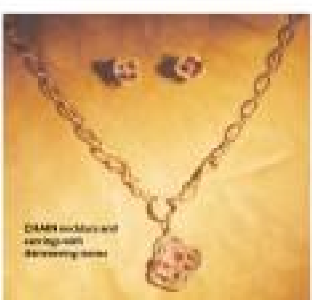
Catch the Fashion Accessories Sale until Aug. 31 at all SM Department stores.



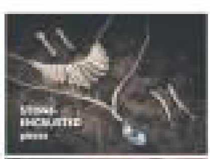
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CATCHY: SM's Fashion Accessory Sale until Aug. 31 [illegible]



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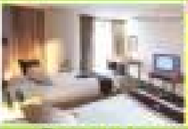


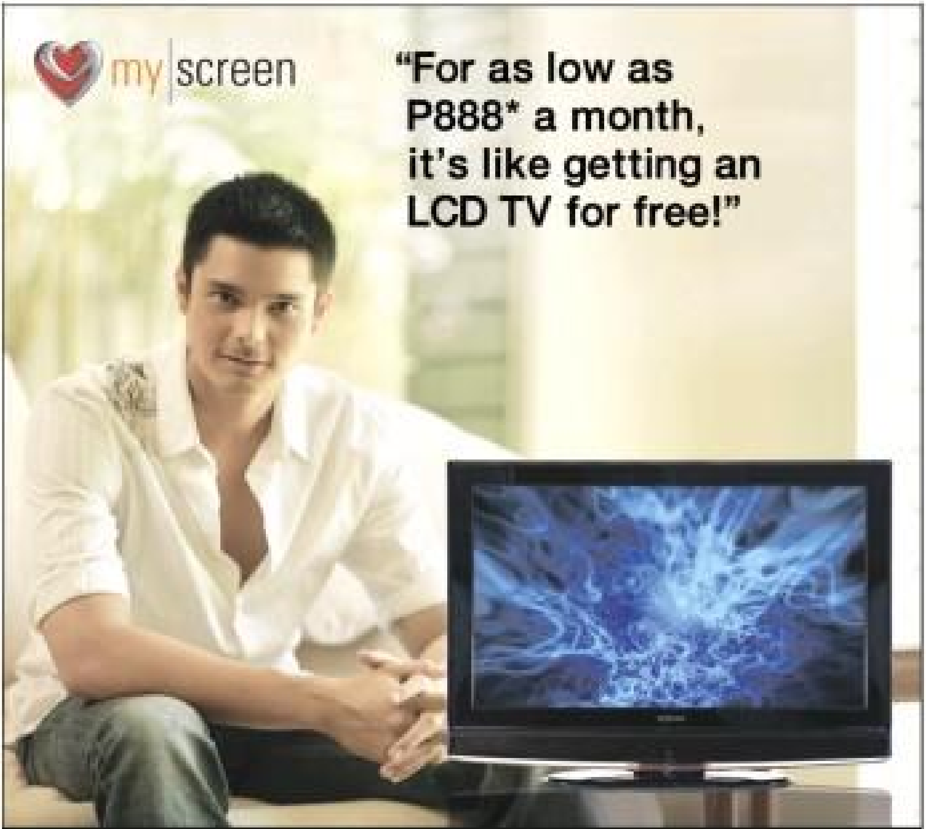
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Lulu Tan Gan dares to mix knitwear with piña

'In lieu of zippers and buttons, I used garters and ribbons. I also avoid using sewing machine'—this is fun fashion





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MARIA Clara with piña and knitted bodice



Lulu Tan Gan dares to mix knitwear with piña


SPORTSWEAR as resort wear

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rolls with bead accents. In what was an obvious take on the kimono, Tan Gan did dress overlaps and panels made of sunlit-colored rolls, some of which were stone-beaded.

"This is ideal for younger fashionistas who don't want to conform to stiff formal wear," she said. "And, of course, for adults who love to experiment and lead a bohemian yet posh lifestyle."

Indeed, as a seasoned ready-to-wear designer, Tan Gan, apart from being familiar with her market, knows how to cultivate new segments to keep the enterprise going. It has also become second nature for her to provide them a wide range of practical and figure-friendly clothes that can withstand trends.

Her key pieces, despite their crossover appeal, don't all fall under the "one-size-fits-all" variety. Unless they're as fit and as daring as Tan Gan herself, customers can dare and push their style to the edge.

Some clothes were clearly meant for mature women, while others, like those pedal pushers and the lace halter top, were better left to slim PYTs.

Ethnic prints, which are basically motifs for Chinese characters, also found their way on several knitted pieces. Instead of using different materials, however, the designer used knitted materials in contrasting shades to make the prints stand out.

Fascination

Tan Gan's newfound fascination with piña was also evident in many pieces, particularly the three neon bridal wear that capped the show.

Drawing from such inspirations as the terno, Maria Clara and 1920s fashion, each earth-colored wedding dress had a distinct look that married an unlikely pair: knits and piña.

"It was, indeed, a challenge to combine the two," said Tan Gan. Again, she was able to pull it off with mixed results by sweeping in a sure belief she adheres to both as a designer and a dresser: fashion ought to be fun.

"Can you imagine getting dressed in high style in less than a minute?" she asked. "In lieu of zippers and buttons, I used garters and ribbons. I also avoid using the sewing machine. Knits were hand-loomed and the piña attached was all hand-sewn."

The Maria Clara had generous amounts of piña for the pañuelo. Its bustle was an interplay of knits and piña that gave it a sexy, ad-hoc quality. The same treatment was also echoed in the terno's skirt.

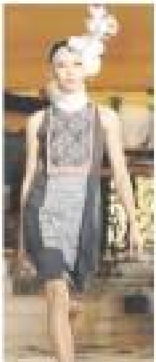
Tan Gan sought fellow designer and former protégé Dany Quiñones' styling legwork, Yolanda Hazzell. Tan Gan's assistant designer, did the glamour shots, while Cecile Ramos of Jovelyn provided the models' sans classic pairs.

Directed by Bobby Carreon, with hair and makeup by Patrick Roxas, the ongoing series is supported by Belo Essentials, Globe Solutions and Metrobank Premier Max.


PIÑA cape


KNITTED terno with detachable piña sleeves


RHINESTONE buttons and lace add sophistication


INTERPLAY of colors, textures and materials


RESORT ensemble good enough for the city


PLAY on volume and texture

Reese Witherspoon is brand's global ambassador

REESE WITHERSPOON IS AVON'S first ever Global Ambassador. In this newly-established role, Witherspoon will serve as honorary chairman of the Avon Foundation, focusing on breast cancer, domestic violence and emergency relief initiatives, and she will be the spokesperson for Avon's beauty brands and sales representatives.

As part of this multiyear agreement, Witherspoon will also be involved in product development initiatives, and appear globally in Avon advertising, web sites and the company's brochures.

In her first trip overseas as Avon's Global Ambassador, Witherspoon visited Japan to bring a message of empowerment and hope to the Asia-Pacific region. She was the guest of honor at a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony where she met breast cancer survivors.

Avon's global philanthropy has raised and awarded more than $525 million for breast cancer research and to ensure the best care and treatment for all breast cancer patients, regardless of their ability to pay. Avon is the largest corporate supporter of the fight against breast cancer in the world.

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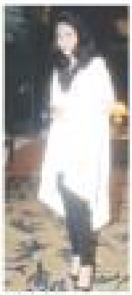
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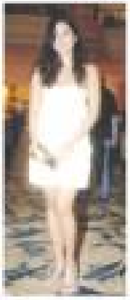
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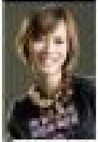
The lace is on!

It's back in a big way, not just on the fringes of lingerie or wedding veil



The top

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Jenni J. Epperson



Get a leg up with lace



The lace is on!



The capelet



The skirt

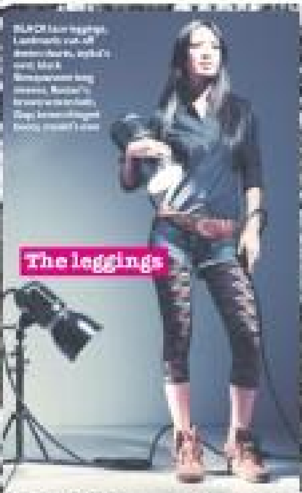
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resulting in interesting contrasts such as pleat frills falling into asymmetric jabots, a crisp linen jacquard lace, shirtdresses and corsets knotted at the neck in gaucho fashion.

Here are some looks from the global lace renaissance. Experiment with the naughty-but-nice female by incorporating lace in your wardrobe in less kinds... ilized ways. Try wearing a lacy shirtdress with your favorite vintage jeans, or a lacy pair of leggings with cut-offs.

Or cover up with a lacy shawl; it's no longer just for lola. Last, a tight-fitting bustier corsage over denim is an extremely chic and sexy look.

E-mail the author at ...@gmail.com



The leggings



The dress



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Wear art on your tees

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LET YOUR T-SHIRT BE YOUR OWN STYLE CANVAS. You don't have to be Picasso. Expose your creativity by wearing graphics fit in a tee.

One way to express your artistic side is to wear art. Graphic tees, also called logo tees, come in colorful prints and bold designs that are sure to match anyone's personality.

Opt for a graphic tee plus your favorite pair of jeans and a linen jacket for a sleek look. Go also for bright-colored sunglasses and printed shoes for a more laid-back feel. JM





A place for fashion wanderlust



ADVENTUROUS FASHIONISTAS can satisfy their wanderlust as Theodore's, the fashion and lifestyle concept store, launches new additions to its brands.



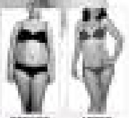


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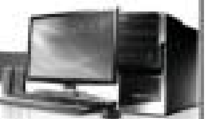


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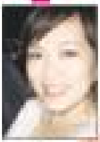
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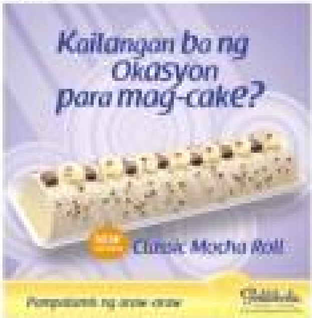
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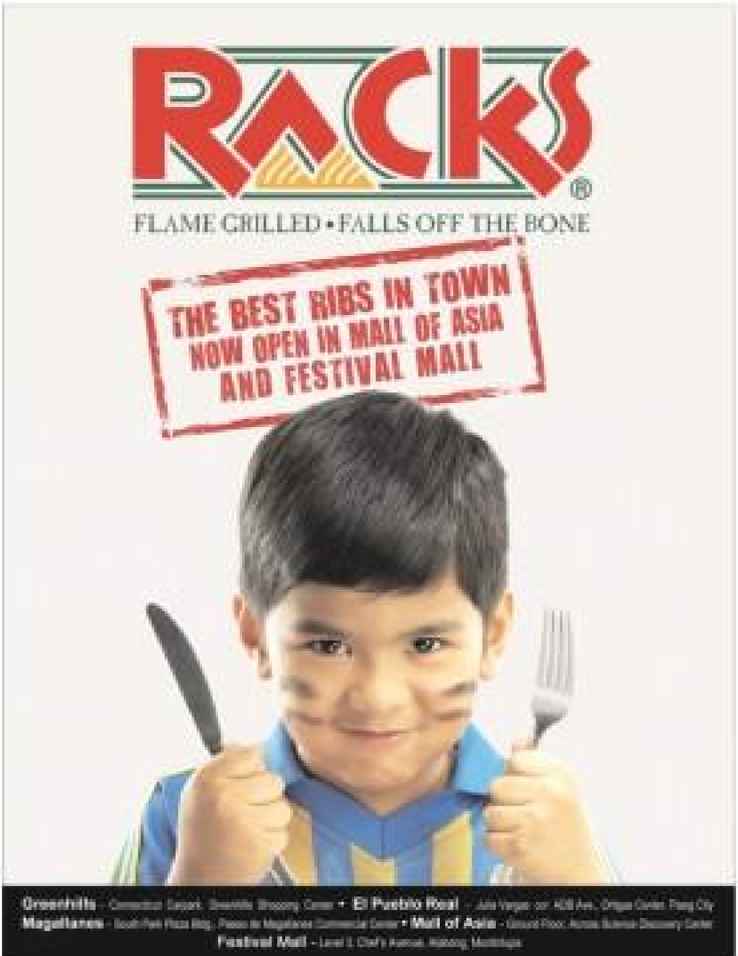
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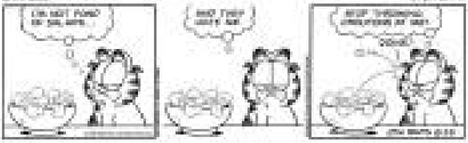


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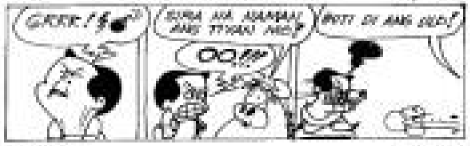




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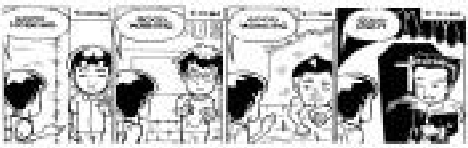
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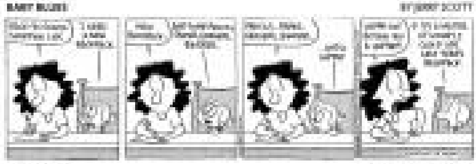
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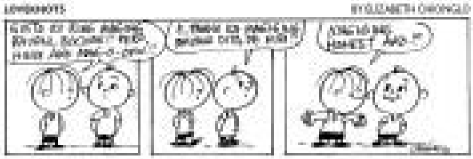
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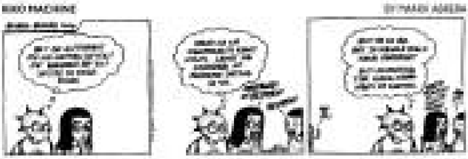


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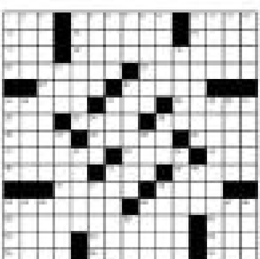


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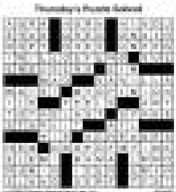
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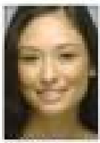
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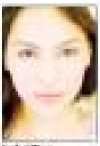


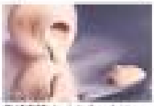
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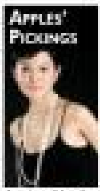
LifeStyle



Randy Ortiz comes into his own

'Aspirer' marks his first fashion collection in 12 years

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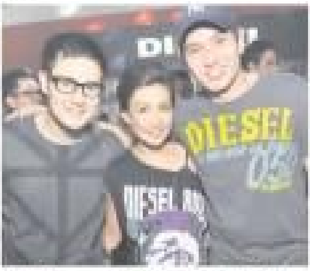








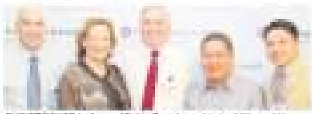












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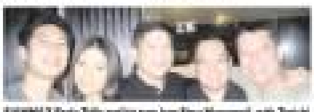




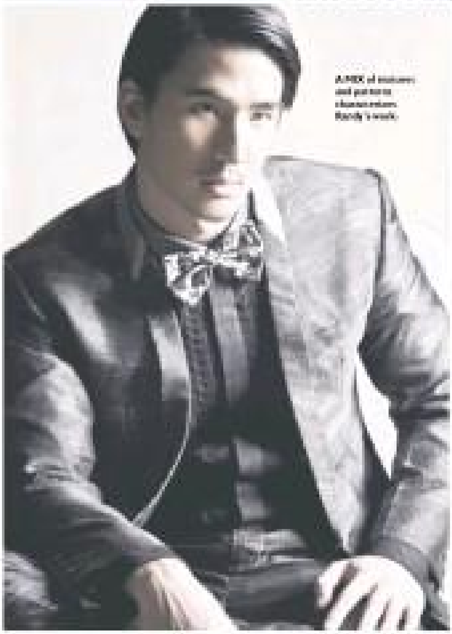












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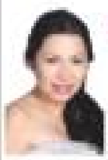
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HOME BODY

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ELDEST sister Lakam helped Kim fill the new house with appliances, furniture and décor.

Bigger home for *teen housemate*

By Marinel R. Cruz
Photos by Rodel Rotoni





THANKS again to her Ate Lakam, this boring wall on the second floor was transformed into a cabinet for Kim's stuff.

Storage space was the biggest consideration for teen actress Kim Chiu when she transferred from her two-bedroom apartment to a two-story, three-bedroom townhouse in August last year.

The Cebu-raised teener first came to Manila in 2006 to join the reality program "Pinoy Big Brother Teen Edition 1," where she eventually emerged as the "Big Winner."

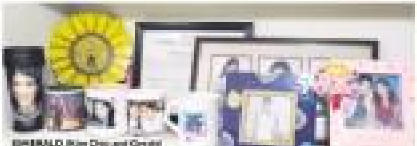
"My family and I had to look for a house in a hurry. We had no place to stay here in Manila. The apartment we eventually rented was so small. Nagsisiksikan kami doon," the chinky-eyed beauty said of her former residence.

In her new crib, Kim had one room converted into what she called her "shop-ping room" and filled it with all her clothes, shoes and bags.

Kim said she was thankful to her eldest sister, Lakambini or Lakam, for filling up the rest of the house with appliances, pieces of furniture and other décor.

"I was really busy so she took it upon herself to furnish the house. It turned out great," said the lead star of the Pinoy

HOME B3



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4 FOR THE FIRST TIME

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2 ALTERED
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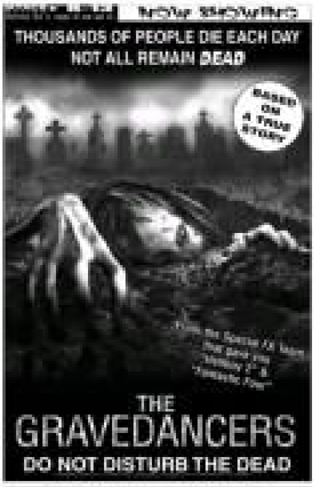


A-LIST STAR POWER
George Clooney (upper left) rides a sail boat while Brad Pitt walks with two of his children, Maddox (left) and Pax, in Venice, Italy. The two American actors are attending the 65th Venice Film Festival, the world's oldest film festival which takes place annually on the 11-mile sandbar island of Lido. Clooney and Pitt hit the red carpet on Wednesday with their latest movie, "Burn After Reading," a satirical comedy by Ethan and Joel Coen which opens the festival. The actors will bring A-list star power to the 11-day event which features everything from obscure Asian art-house cinema to Hollywood heavyweights.

'The House Bunny' premiere, Los Angeles, Aug. 20

RED CARPET

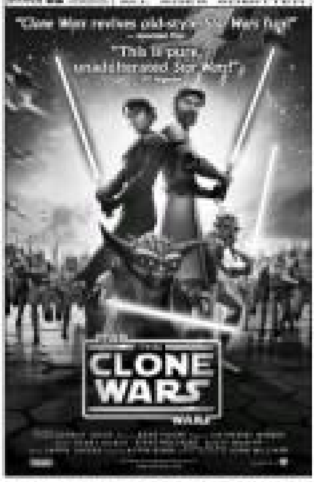




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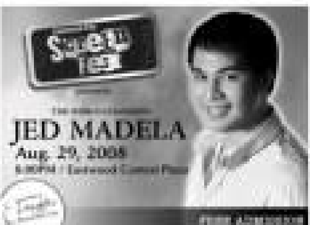
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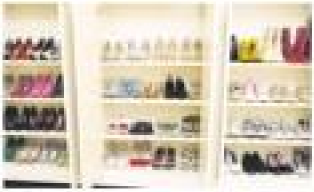





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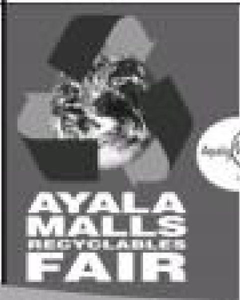
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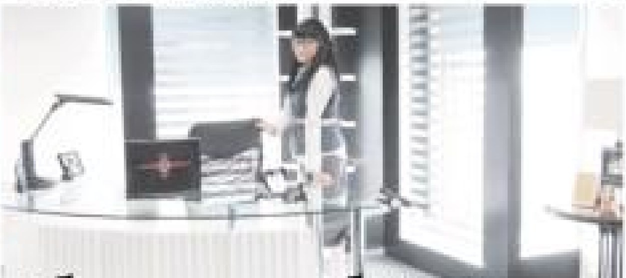


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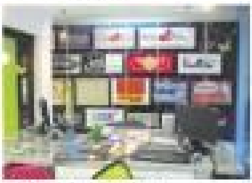
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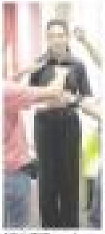
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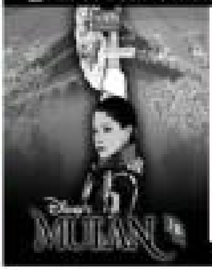


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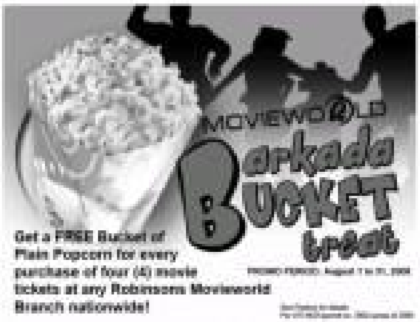
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